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but is still startlingly good looking. She is a sister of Philip Sassoon, and inherited from him many of his best pictures. They live most of the time in Norfolk, at Houghton, one of the finest houses in England. It once belonged to Sir Robert Walpole, many of whose own magnificent [redacted] pictures were sold to Catherine the Great of Russia.

As far as the less busy of my colleagues are concerned, this garden party marks the end of the London season. They are all making plans for summer vacations, with the expectation of returning here around the middle of September.

Sasha has more or less recovered from whooping cough, but Terry Graham has caught it from her, and is now suffering in its early stages.

Tonight we had a dinner for Dora and Hugh Gaitskell, the Droghedas, the Freddy Ayres, and the Ian Gilmours. As might have been expected, the conversation of this group was varied and brilliant. Hugh was feeling no pain over Macmillan's troubles.

July 25, 1962 - Wednesday

I started the morning by going with Bill Clark and Elim O'Shaughnessy to the BOOKS FROM AMERICA exhibition at our Trade Center. Mayor Wagner of New York and his wife were there. There were many English publishers, and I thought the affair unusually well managed. The range of books, all published in America, was great; there was widespread interest in the collection.

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I lunched at Polish House, 55 Exhibition Road, in a private room as a guest of General Anders. Stefan Zamoyski and Prince Eugene Lubomirski were also there. From a culinary standpoint, the lunch was superb. I sampled various sorts of Polish vodka, including one with a bison emblem on it. It is a slightly colored liquor, with a reed in the bottle. This gives the vodka an aromatic taste, the reed being the favorite food of the great Polish bison. Another drink was a rye, aged for ten years in wood,

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Horace Walpole lived there a couple of years. There is a statue of him in the garden. The thatched cottage, a small edifice, is on the lawn. It was used by Charles II as a hunting lodge.

Geordie Sutherland is in bad physical shape. He has had severe heart attacks, is cared for by nurses, and visited each day by a doctor. Today, however, he must have rallied, for he was a genial host. Many of his beautiful things were moved to Richmond Park from Sutton Place, which was sold to J. Paul Getty. Getty dined with them last night. They said he had never occasioned them any trouble over their [redacted] financial transactions, but they thought him a somewhat inscrutable figure.

They are leaving shortly for Dunrobin, Scotland, where perhaps we might join them later on. The others were Sir Clifford and Lady Bede, Eric Dudley and his wife, Clare Sutherland's son, a Greek girl, and another elderly, but charming couple.

Alan Schwartz, a partner of Morris Ernst, who [redacted] so kindly handled for me gratis the gift to Princeton of the proceeds of the Bobbs Merrill publication of my book, came to see me this afternoon.

Tonight Stella Reading and Maude Atherton dined with us.

I interviewed this afternoon a delegation of Americans in wheel chairs, who, in some strange fashion, have been participating here in sporting events.

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It is perhaps only in England that one could go for lunch in a country house within twenty minutes of London and find it literally surrounded by deer. As I got out of my car at the Sutherlands, a herd of twenty or thirty hinds almost nudged me at the gate. Fifty yards away were a dozen or so stags. As we drove through the park, many more deer were in sight.

Stella Reading is enthusiastic over Lord Home's performance as Foreign Secretary. She seems to think that if legislation is passed enabling a peer to serve in the House of Commons he would have a good chance of being elected Prime Minister.

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